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Alleged CIA Prisons Overseas

"Can the U.S. Talk About Human Rights?"

The nationalist, left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun editorialized (11/05): ". The s-e-c-r-e-t prisons operated by the CIA outside the U.S. were built so that they could circumvent U.S. domestic law, which prohibits the detention and questioning of prisoners without legal procedures. Since such prisons were illegal from the start, the countries that allowed them have inevitably been hush-hush. In short, the U.S. has essentially used its strength to export these facilities that go against human rights to countries it can easily do what it wants with, and has turned those countries into accomplices dealing in illegal activity. The bigger problem is the human rights abuses and torture. Those who are being confined are mostly Muslims and a majority of them are being held illegally for months and years at a time without legal procedures. Furthermore, being categorized as 'terror suspects,' they are not treated

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as prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention. . It is said that when President Bush heard about North Korea's concentration camps, he asked why the international community isn't angry about human rights abuses by the North Korean regime. This makes one want to ask whether Mr. Bush only cares when it matters for the U.S.'s own security and interests. Those s-e-c-r-e-t overseas prisons are a big black eye for the international community."

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